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| In re Application of: |) | |
| Nobutaka MIYAKE |) | Examiner: Unassigned |
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| Filed: October 23, 2000 |) | |
| For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, |) | November 13, 2006 |
| METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM |) | |
| THEREFOR |) | |

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed, along with English Abstracts.

These documents may be pertinent because they were cited in a Office Action issued in a counterpart Japanese patent application on July 26, 2004. A copy of the Office Action is being submitted concurrently herewith, along with an English translation.

FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due; however, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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